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## Some Aspects of the Farmers' Problems

By BERNARD M. BARUCH

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The whole rural world is in a ferment of unrest, and there is an unparalleled volume and intensity of determined, if not angry, protest, and an ominous swarming of occupational conferences, interest groupings, political movements and propaganda. Such a turmoil cannot but arrest our attention. Indeed, it demands our careful study and examination. It is not likely that six million aloof and ruggedly independent men have come together and banded themselves into active unions, societies, farm bureaus, and so forth, for no sufficient cause.

Investigation of the subject conclusively proves that, while there is much overstatement of grievances and misconception of remedies, the farmers are right in complaining of wrongs long endured, and right in holding that it is feasible to relieve their ills with benefit to the rest of the community. This being the case of an industry that contributes, in the raw material form alone, about one-third of the national annual wealth production and is the means of livelihood of about 49 per cent of the population, it is obvious that the subject is one of grave concern. Not only do the farmers make up one-half of the nation, but the well-being of the other half depends upon them.

So long as we have nations, a wise political economy will aim at a large degree of national self-sufficiency and self-containment. Rome fell when the food supply was too far removed from the belly. Like her, we shall destroy our own agriculture and extend our sources of food distinctly and precariously. If we do not see to it that our farmers are well and fairly paid for their services, the farm gives the nation men as well as food. Cities derive their vitality and are forever renewed from the country, but an impoverished countryside exports intelligence and retains unfitness. Only the lower grades of mentality and character will remain on, or seek, the farm, unless agriculture is capable of being pursued with contentment and adequate compensation. Hence, to embitter and impoverish the farmer is to dry up and contaminate the vital sources of the nation.

The war showed convincingly how dependent the nation is on the full productivity of the farms. Despite herculean efforts, agricultural production kept only a few weeks or months ahead of consumption, and that only by increasing the acreage of certain staple crops at the cost of reducing that of others. We ought not to forget that lesson when we ponder on the farmer's problems. They are truly common problems, and there should be no attempt to deal with them as if they were purely selfish demands of a clear-cut group, antagonistic to the rest of the community. Rather should we consider agriculture in the light of broad national policy, just as we consider oil, coal, steel, dye stuffs, and so forth, as sources of national strength. Our growing population and a higher standard of living demand increasing food supplies, and more wool, cotton, hides, and the rest. With the disappearance of free or cheap fertile land, additional acreage and increased yields can come only from costly effort. This we need not expect from an impoverished or unhappy rural population.

It will not do to take a narrow view of the rural discontent, or to appraise it from the standpoint of yesterday. This is peculiarly an age of flux and change and new deals. Because a thing always has been so no longer means that it is righteous, or always shall be so. More, perhaps, than ever before, there is a widespread feeling that all human relations can be improved by taking thought, and that it is not becoming for the reasonable animal to leave his destiny largely to chance and natural incidence.

Prudent and orderly adjustment of production and distribution in accordance with consumption is recognized as wise management in every business but that of farming. Yet, I venture to say, there is no other industry in which it is so important to the public to the city-dweller—that production should be sure, steady, and increasing, and that distribution should be in proportion to the need. The unorganized farmers naturally act blindly and impulsively and, in consequence, surfeit and death, accompanied by disconcerting price-variations, harass the consumer. One year potatoes rot in the fields because of excess production, and there is a scarcity of the things that have been displaced to make way for the expansion of the potato acreage; next year the punished farmers mass their fields on some other crop, and potatoes enter the class of luxuries; and so on.

Agriculture is the greatest and fundamentally the most important of our American industries. The cities are but the branches of the tree of national life, the roots of which go deeply into the land. We all flourish or decline with the farmer. So, when we of the cities read of the present universal distress of the farmers, of a slump of six billion dollars in the farm value of their crops in a single year,

of their inability to meet mortgages or to pay current bills, and how, seeking relief from their ills, they are planning to form pools, inaugurate farmers' strikes, and demand legislation abolishing grain exchanges, private cattle markets, and the like, we ought not hastily to brand them as economic heretics and highwaymen, and hurl at them the charge of being seekers of special privilege. Rather, we should ask if their trouble is not ours, and see what can be done to improve the situation. Purely from self-interest, if for no higher motive, we should help them. All of us want to get back permanently to "normalcy" but it is reasonable to hope for that condition unless our greatest and most basic industry can be put on a sound and solid permanent foundation? The farmers are not entitled to special privileges; but are they not right in demanding that they be placed on an equal footing with the buyers of their products and with other industries?

Let us, then, consider some of the farmer's grievances, and see how far they are real. In doing so, we should remember that, while there have been, and still are, instances of purposeful abuse, the subject should not be approached with any general imputation to existing distributive agencies of deliberately intentional oppression, but rather with the conception that the marketing of farm products has not been modernized.

An ancient evil, and a persistent one, is the undervaluation of farm products, with the result that what the farmers sell as of one quality is resold as of a higher. That this sort of chicanery should persist on any important scale in these days of business integrity would seem almost incredible, but there is much evidence that it does so persist. Even as I write, the newspapers announce the suspension of several firms from the New York Produce Exchange for exporting to Germany as No. 2 wheat a whole shipload of grossly inferior wheat mixed with oats, chaff and the like.

Another evil is that of inaccurate weighing of farm products, which, it is charged, is sometimes a matter of dishonest intention and sometimes of protective policy on the part of the local buyer, who fears that he may "weigh out" more than he "weighs in."

A greater grievance is that at present the field farmer has little or no control over the time and conditions of marketing his products, with the result that he is often underpaid for his products and usually overcharged for marketing service. The difference between what the farmer receives and what the consumer pays often exceeds all possibility of justification. To cite a single illustration: Last year, according to figures attested by the railways and the growers, Georgia watermelon-raisers received on the average 7.5 cents for a melon, the railroads got 12.7 cents for carrying it to Baltimore and the consumer paid one dollar, leaving 79.3 cents for the service of marketing and its risks, as against 20.2 cents for growing and transporting. The hard annals of farm-life are replete with such commentaries on the crudeness of present practices.

Nature prescribes that the farmer's "goods" must be finished within two or three months of the year, while financial and storage limitations generally compel him to sell them at the same time. As a rule, other industries are in a continuous process of finishing goods for the markets; they disburse as they produce, and they can curtail production without too great injury to themselves or the community; but if the farmer restricts his output, it is with disastrous consequences, both to himself and to the community.

The average farmer is busy with production for the major part of the year, and has nothing to sell. The bulk of his output comes on the market at once. Because of lack of storage facilities and of financial support the farmer cannot carry his goods through the year and dispose of them as they are currently needed. In the great majority of cases, farmers have to entrust storage—in warehouses and elevators—and the financial carrying of their products to others.

Farm products are generally marketed at a time when there is a congestion of both transportation and finance—when cars and money are scarce. The outcome, in many instances, is that the farmers not only sell under pressure, and therefore at a disadvantage, but are compelled to take further reductions in net returns.

In order to meet the charges for the service of storing, transporting, financing, and ultimate marketing—which charges they claim, are often excessive, bear heavily on both consumer and producer, and are under the control of those performing the services—it is true that they are relieved of the risks of a changing market by selling at once, but they are quite well-

Mrs. H. L. Gentry and children are visiting in Lexington this week.

Miss Emma Spurlock, of Lickskillet, spent the week end with Miss Jennie Phillips.

Mrs. Willie Elam, Jr., left for Irvine today to join her husband who is in business there.

M. M. Wells, of Liberty Road, was in town Saturday and called at the Courier office for a pleasant visit.

G. C. Allen and Floyd Arnett have fitted up nice offices on the second floor of the Commercial Bank building.

W. M. Lemaster and Jack Sparks, of Wrigley, were in town Tuesday on business and paid the Courier office a pleasant call.

Tanlac is made of roots, herbs and barks and contains no minerals or opiates. Edgar Cochran & Co.—Advertisement.

Mrs. Vada Helton and daughter, Miss Dell, of Cannel City, were the guests of Mrs. Paschal Killgore at the Commercial Inn Wednesday.

Howard Spurlock, whose headquarters are at Huntington, visited his father, W. L. Spurlock, the first of the week.

Mrs. A. P. Gullett called Monday and renewed the subscription of her sister, Mrs. U. E. Nickell, at Davenport, Iowa.

L. C. Williams, of Epsom, was a visitor in town for several days this week and paid the Courier office a pleasant visit Wednesday.

Miss Lurline Cole, of Lexington, who has been visiting her cousin, Miss Elizabeth Cole, for the past week, returned to her home Wednesday.

We are printing a few extra numbers of each issue of the Courier containing the financial statements of the county. They will be sold at five cents per copy at the office or six cents by mail.

Robert Patrick, of Netty, visited his mother-in-law, Dr. A. P. Gullett, last week, returning home Monday. He called and left a nice order of printing for his store while here.

Harve Middleton, of Blaine, was in town Wednesday and called at the Courier office. He informed us that he would move from Blaine this week but had not decided upon a location.

Mrs. J. F. Walsh, of Wrigley, visited Miss Lula Walsh the first of the week. She called at the Courier office to have her paper sent to Farmer City, Ill., to which place they will move this week.

**Town Property Sold.**  
Judge I. C. Ferguson sold his dwelling on Main street this week to Esq. Ed Day, the consideration being \$4,500. Judge Ferguson will go to Ohio in a few days to look out a location.

Judge J. H. Sebastian left Monday or Frankfort to aid in the securing for West Liberty the new Normal school that the Legislature is planning to locate in Eastern Kentucky.

Senator J. D. Whitaker was in town Saturday and Sunday to visit friends and to talk with his constituents as to the various measures before the senate. Senator Whitaker is one of the big influences in that body. In a meeting of the Democratic caucus a few days ago Dr. Whitaker quoted the Courier in its statement that "There isn't no such animal as a non-partisan board."

Largest school in its history, but comfort more, board from fifteen to twenty dollars a month. Work offered in Normal, Shorthand, Typing, Book-keeping, High School, Music, Art, Bible and Expression. This, in brief, is what you may take and the expenses you will incur if you attend Christian Normal Institute. Those preparing to teach may secure High School credits. If other information is desired write to W. Lusby, President, Grayson, Ky.

**To Whom it May Concern:**  
Index, Ky.

This is to certify that I have used J. B. Colt & Co's lighting system in my dwelling, store and barn since June 2, 1921. It has given perfect satisfaction and I have not spent a cent for repairs of any kind. In my judgment this system is the best one made for lighting country homes. I would not think of selling it for twice its cost unless I could buy another.

Very sincerely,  
B. L. HENRY.

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### The Hawaiian Serenaders.

The last number of the Lyceum course for this season was the Hawaiian Serenaders. They consisted of three males and one female musicians. The musical program was a very enjoyable one and the Royal Theatre was so crowded Saturday night that they had to give the show over again to permit those who could not get in the first show to see it. On Sunday afternoon they put on a new program which was well attended.

The principle attraction was Miss Flores Diano, especially to the young fellows and the bald heads. Miss Diano was a remarkably beautiful girl and had a splendid voice.

The receipts of the evening were sufficient to make the guarantors of the Lyceum course safe financially.

### Pleasant Social Gathering.

Miss Leona Henry entertained the young people at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Henry Friday evening with a party. Games were played and the young people had a splendid time and Miss Leona proved a charming hostess. Those present were: Misses Eulah Arnett, Kathleen Phillips, Jewel Lacy, Mable Spurlock, Gladys Nickell, Edith Day, Gertrude Fugett, Ruth Davis, Geneva Walsh, Eunice Phillips, Hannah McClain, Lurline Cole, Elizabeth Cole, Evelyn Franco, Eva Spurlock, Bonnie Frank, Fu, Ronnie Spurluck, Leona Elam and Mrs. Archie Sherer. Messrs. Oliver Parker, Henry Carter, Drexel Moore, B. W. Lykins, Gardner Spurlock, G. M. Oakley, Everett Nickell, Enoch Reed, Harry Donaghy, W. C. Sparks, Earl Henry, Bob Cole and Al Hoover.

### House Destroyed by Fire.

The residence of W. H. Stacy, near Cannel City, was burned Tuesday afternoon and practically all the household goods were destroyed. It is not known just how the fire originated but it was under such headway when discovered that it was impossible to save it. The family was at home at the time. There was a small insurance on the house and contents.

**Notice to Creditors.**  
All persons having claims or demands against the estate of W. H. Vance will present them to me, properly proven, on or before the 15th day of March, 1922.

WADE VANCE,  
Administrator of W. H. Vance.

### Honor Party.

Mrs. R. A. Baldwin entertained the young people on Monday evening in honor of her niece, Miss Lurline Cole, of Lexington, who visited relatives here last week and this. Refreshments were served and games indulged in.

Mrs. T. B. Reed had as guests for dinner Wednesday of last week Mrs. W. J. Seitz, of Catlettsburg, Mesdames W. H. Gevedon and W. R. Foreman, of Ashland, and Mrs. W. S. Potts, of this city.

### Bad Man Captured.

Jas. W. Davis, deputy U. S. Marshal, and some other Federal officers, last week went to St. Petersburg, Fla., and captured Albert Dye, one of the men engaged in the killing of the prohibition officers at Prestonburg a few weeks ago. Mr. Davis had learned of his whereabouts of Dye and with a posse went to Florida and arrested him. Dye was working as an electrician at the time of his capture.

### Buy Store at Irvine.

Willie Elam, Jr. and Roslyn Frisby last week purchased the mercantile business at Irvine, of Henry Brown. Later Mr. Frisby sold his interest to W. W. Carmel and Mr. Elam and Mr. Carmel will conduct the business. Both these young men are good business men and ought to make a good business in that thriving town.

People who have been helped by Tanlac are always anxious to tell others about it. Edgar Cochran & Co.—Advertisement.

### Cemetery Association Meeting.

There will be a meeting of those interested in the Salyer-Woodland Cemetery at the residence of Mrs. R. A. Baldwin on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All persons having relatives buried there are requested to attend.

### TO THE PUBLIC:

I want to serve the people of this district—I want all information concerning violations of the criminal and penal laws; and I want people to feel free to give me the names of witnesses who should appear before the grand jury.

I will not be a party to any prosecution for revenge, but want to assist in and help promote a spirit of law and order for our judicial district.

Very Respectfully,  
G. C. ALLEN,  
Commonwealth's Attorney.

### Notice to Creditors.

All persons having claims against the estate of E. W. Howard must present their claims, properly proven, in liquid and tablet form. Advertise in the 30 days. Jan. 26, 1922 ment.

HARRIS HOWARD,  
Administrator.

DIXIE.

## ROYAL THEATRE

On Saturday evening, Feb. 4, 1922, we will open the Royal Theatre, giving a SEVEN-REEL PICTURE SHOW.

We are endeavoring to secure a first-class western picture and two reels of excellent comedy. It will be our endeavor to please the public, having invested quite a bit in securing the very best for our customers.

If you enjoy saxophone and piano music, a warm room and a lively, up-to-date picture then come to our theatre on next Saturday evening and we will give you all of them for 20 cents.

We assure you that we will appreciate your patronage and give you good pictures.

Wednesday evening, Feb. 8, we will open for Wednesday night show. A good show is guaranteed.

Saturday night shows begin promptly at 6:00 P. M. and 7:45 P. M., town time.

Wednesday night shows will begin at 7:00 P. M. and will not be repeated.

Respectfully,  
WALTER SEBASTIAN, Mgr.

### "Moonshiner" Believes in Advertising.

Washington.—North Carolina has a "moonshiner" who believes in advertising his wares. Revenue officers in Asheville recently came across a bottle bearing an unique label, which they sent to International Revenue Commissioner Blair, himself a North Carolinian. This label was the advertisement of the moonshiner and it reads as follows:

"Pure mountain corn likker. Bottled in a barn. Made in the backwoods of the mountains of Western North Carolina by an old time blockader that out-gave a dam for law and prohibition. Retailed on the Asheville market by all the highclass bootleggers for five bones per pint and worth every cent of it. Guaranteed to be strong enough to make you drunk as the devil in ten minutes and mean enough to make a baby bull frog spit in a whole's face. Shake well and get ready to have a fit before drinking."

This label has been added to the International Revenue bureau's museum.

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DIXIE.

## GET COLOR INTO YOUR PALE CHEEKS

If Your Face Is Your Fortune. Don't Look Like a Bankrupt.

Who does not want red lips, a good clear, healthy complexion and bright, flashing eyes?

Some people have such wonderfully good "health" nothing at all to hurt them. Others could so easily have fine color and more strength and vigor if they would keep a square with Gud's Pepto-Mangan. It is a splendid iron tonic that physicians have prescribed for thirty years. It is not an experiment. It is not merely a temporary help, because it makes plenty of red blood and, as everybody knows, red blood is the only sure foundation of permanent health and strength. Get Pepto-Mangan of your druggist—and

take it a few weeks and see how much better you feel and look. Sold in the 30 days. Jan. 26, 1922 ment.

HARRIS HOWARD,  
Administrator.

DIXIE.

L. B. Reed and Chas. Water were t. Ashland on business this week.

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## THE NEW STATE NORMAL.

The bill providing for the establishment of a State Normal in northeastern Kentucky has passed the Senate and will go before the House this week with every indication that it will pass.

The bill provides for the location of the school in the county offering the best inducements, and that means if Morgan county gets behind the effort we can secure the school.

The Courier can announce that the Board of Education will contribute about 21 acres of land, including the High School campus, and it feels assured that at least \$25,000.00 in addition can be raised by local subscription. In fact various sums from \$250 up to \$1,000 have already been offered.

Morgan county is centrally located, it is the very center of the northeast part of the state. Morgan has the best citizenship of any county in the mountains, has the best school spirit, has no foreign or negro population, no public works to draw undesirable population. West Liberty is a town of exceedingly good morals and there are no temptations for the students.

The drainage of West Liberty is ideal and it is a beautiful place, and an ideal location for a good school.

Morgan county is the best agricultural county in the mountains and its citizens are for the greater part prosperous farmers and men of intelligence and progressiveness.

Morgan county can offer superior reasons and inducements to that of any county in the section embraced in the bill, and all we need to do is to present and fulfill our agreement to the committee who decides the location. Let's get busy and secure the school.

## OUR FINANCIAL CONDITION.

Last week we published the financial statement of the county for 1918 and this week begin the publication of the statement for 1919. The expenditures for 1918 were \$42,735.39 and the revenue collected that year was \$22,644.63, leaving a deficit of \$20,190.76. In 1919 the receipts of the county were \$51,240.50 and the expenditures \$79,709.47, leaving a deficit of \$28,468.97. The deficit for the two above named years was \$48,659.73.

We have not received the copy for the years of 1920 and 1921 but unofficial information is that the deficit for the two years will equal or exceed that of the two years given. It is claimed that the total indebtedness of the county will be about \$120,000.00.

But be it what it may it presents a problem for the officers in charge. The statutes seem to be plain that the new administration can not assume the indebtedness of the county above the constitutional limit, and yet the money was expended for bridges and roads mostly—things that the people needed and are getting the benefit from.

Judge Henry is opposed to repudiating these debts if a way can be found to legally assume those which are meritorious.

He is very anxious to have the inter-county seat roads finished and to have better roads. The situation is one that is very difficult and the Courier would advise all the citizens to give Judge Henry time to work out the matter and to withhold all criticism until the proper solution can be arrived at. He has a difficult problem and we believe that he will finally arrive at a solution that will be right and satisfactory.

Jim Henry wants to do the right thing in the matter and we trust that the people will not hamper him by hasty criticism.

## THE COUNTY PRINTING.

Because some of the citizens do not know what is required in the way of county printing there has been some criticism of the Fiscal court in the contract with the Courier for the county printing. To relieve them of their misapprehensions we will briefly give them the items so they will see that the price has been exceedingly reasonable.

There are 27 precincts which require 108 ballot books per year, which at the low price of \$4.50 amounts to \$486. The financial statements, delinquent list, the list of dog licenses will amount to about \$500 at the rate fixed by law, and the other publications, notices to overseers, and the other matter that the law requires to be published and fixes the rate for, will amount to more than \$250 a year, so that if these matters were not provided for by contract it would cost the county more.

We make these statements because the facts are that the county has saved money by the contract with us.

The Middlesboro Three-States recently had an account of the discovery by a moonshiner, in a cave of the bones and workmanship of a prehistoric race. Bracelets, jewelry, and other evidence of a highly civilized people are said to have been found. We know that moonshine had the effect of causing the fellow who buys it to see things, but didn't know the fellow who made it drank it.

Owing to the crowded condition of the Courier we will print the rest of the statements in installments, printing half a year at a time, but in the final printing all the totals will be brought forward to show the full condition of the county.

Billy Bryan has come to life again and is now touring the country in a lecture on "Enemies of Religion." Now I guess the professors of State who have been teaching "evolution" will begin to be good.

The Salyersville Independent notes that one subscriber called on Sat. and another on Mon. Jackson, that ain't simplified spelling; it's abbreviated.

# The Girl a Horse and a Dog

By FRANCIS LYNDY

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## SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Under his grandfather's will, Stanford Broughton, society idler, finds his share of the estate, valued at something like \$400,000, lies in a "safe repository" of letters and longitudes deposited and thus is able to identify himself by the presence nearby of a brown-haired, blue-eyed girl, a piebald horse, and a dog with a split ear, half white, and half black. Stanford at first regards the bequest as a joke, but after a consideration sets out to find his legacy.

CHAPTER II.—On his way to Denver, the city nearest the meridian described in his grandfather's will, Stanford hears from a fellow traveler a story having to do with a flooded mine.

CHAPTER III.—Thinking things over, he begins to imagine there may be something in his grandfather's bequest worth while. His idea finally centers on the possibility of a mine, as a "safe repository." Recalling the narrative of the train, he ascertains that his fellow traveler was a mining engineer, Charles Bullerton. Bullerton refused his information, but from other sources Broughton learns enough to make him proceed to Placerville, in the Red Center.

CHAPTER IV.—On the station platform at Atropia, just as the train pulls out, Stanford sees what appears to be the identical horse and dog described in his grandfather's will. Impressed, he leaves the train at the next stop, Angolia. There he finds that Atropia was originally Placerville, his destination. Unable to secure a conveyance at once to take him to Placerville, Broughton seizes a construction car and escapes, leaving the impression on the town marshal, Beasley, that he is slightly demented.

CHAPTER V.—Pursued, he abandons the car, which is wrecked, and escapes on foot. In the darkness, he is informed by a girl on horseback, and THE dog. After he explains, his presence, she invites him to her home, at the Old Cinnabar mine, to meet her father.

CHAPTER VI.—Broughton's hosts are Hiram Twombly, caretaker of the mine, and his daughter Jennie. Seeing the girl, Stanford is excited, but she located his property, but does not reveal his identity.

CHAPTER VII.—Next morning, with Hiram, he visits the mine. Hiram asks him to look over the machinery, and he sees so, glad of an excuse to be near Jennie, in whom he has become interested, and he engages in the first racket work he has ever done.

CHAPTER VIII.—Broughton and Hiram at the pumps started, but are unable to make an impression on the water. Bullerton, apparently an old friend of the Twomblys, visits the mine. He offers to drain it in consideration of Broughton's giving him fifty-one per cent of the property. Stanford refuses. Then Bullerton offers to buy the mine outright for \$50,000. It had cost Broughton's grandfather more than half a million. Stanford again refuses.

CHAPTER IX.—Jennie cautions Broughton against selling the mine, under any circumstances, and, apparently in a spirit of mischief, allows him to kiss her. In conversation with Daddy Hiram, Broughton decides he will stick to the property.

CHAPTER X.—Next day, during Stanford's temporary absence from the mine, an enemy, without doubt Bullerton, cracks the pumping machinery and he sees on his way out with him next day.

CHAPTER XI.—In the morning he finds Bullerton and Jennie have disappeared. Apparently eloped. He also discovers that his deed to the mine has been stolen, and he is left with no record of his deed of ownership. Mysterious actions of the dog cause Hiram and Broughton to take the trail in search of Jennie.

CHAPTER XII.—They find Jennie's car abandoned, but no trace of the girl, when they get back to the cabin, Bullerton is there, apparently awaiting their return.

CHAPTER XIII.—Believing Jennie to have gone with Bullerton, the sight of the man too much for Broughton, and he uses him roughly. Bullerton, however, knowing the whereabouts of Jennie, Broughton orders him to deliver her. Satisfied Broughton means mischief, Broughton and Hiram forthwith determine to take the mine shaft down and prepare for a siege. Bullerton comes with a crowd of desperadoes and on their refusal to vacate, begins an attack.

CHAPTER XIV.—During the day and night the two successfully defend the shafthouse against the mob, including an attempt to drown them out.

Daddy was shaking his head and wringing the moisture—and mud—out of his beard.

"Jestum-to-gosh, Stannie, we got to take a chance!" he muttered. "Anyways, I'd about as lief die as be drowned to death. We'll have to muss that blacksmith shop up and get it out o' the way, somehow. Gimme a match out o' that tin box o' yurs—if they ain't all soaked to a jiz-whizzlin' sop."

I found the matches, which, luckily, were still dry, and handed him one. Before I fairly realized what he was going to do, he had taken one of the dynamite cartridges out of its bucket hiding place and was splitting the fuse with his pocketknife.

"Open that door into the shop," he commanded, and when he obeyed mechanically, out went the bomb, fizzing and spluttering, to land in a heap of scrap iron piled on the farther side of the stone-built forge. The sight of it smoking and spitting sparks in the heap of scrap half hypnotized me. I guess, for I stood gaping at it, with the door held open, until Daddy Hiram jerked me away, slammed the door and yelled to me to help him bar it.

We had barely time to get the door closed and fastened with the heavy wooden bar and to throw ourselves flat on the floor behind the hoisting machinery before the crash came. As I have previously said, the blacksmith shop was a rather flimsy, shed-like affair, roofed with corrugated iron, and it seemed to us as if broken timbers and pieces of sheet metal were raining down for a full minute after the blast went off.

The shock to everything in the vicinity was, of course, tremendous, and the stout old shaft-house itself rocked and swayed like a tree in a hurricane. But the walls still stood intact, and when we got up and peeped through a hole which a piece of the flying scrap had torn in the door, we could see what we had done. It was a pity. The blacksmith shop had disappeared, leaving nothing but a scattering of wreckage. The heavy anvil had been thrown from its block and the forge looked as if a giant had kicked it. Out by the boiler-shed a rack of coynod had been toppled over and under it a man was struggling to free

himself. When he saw the imprisoned enemy that mild-mannered, soft-spoken old soldier that I was shut up with would have opened the door and shot the struggler if I hadn't stopped him.

This blowing up of the shop settled the shower-bath business for us definitely. With the impediment out of the way we had a clear view on this third side; could command the row of miners' cabins, as well as the boilers in their open shed. When I got through persuading Daddy Hiram that we couldn't afford to murder the wounded, the fellow who had been wrestling with the woodpile had made his exit and there was nobody in sight. Shortly afterward a bullet, fired from somewhere in the forest background, whanged upon our roof, and there were several to follow; but aside from punching a few more holes in the iron they did no harm.

"Looks like the 'Hercules' is the one thing they're most skeered of," said Daddy, with his queer little stuttering chuckle. "Now maybe they'll leave us have time to get ourselves dried out a mite."

Totting up the results of the shower-bath we'd had, a bread famine promised to be the worst of them. The few cans of beans, tomatoes and peaches—the campers' standbys—were unhurt, of course, and the muddled bacon could be washed with water drawn from the flooded shaft. But the flour in its sack was merely a blob of paste and was beyond redemption and the cornmeal was the same. In view of the results I wondered if Bullerton hadn't shrewdly calculated upon washing our commissary out of existence when he planned his overgrown lawn-sprinkler. But maybe that was giving him credit for more ingenuity than he really had.

Through what remained of the afternoon the rifle firing continued, coming sometimes from one angle and sometimes from another, but always coming from a safe distance and always under cover of the surrounding forest. Daddy Hiram, grimly optimistic, extracted a swallow or so of encouragement out of the persistent "pot-shooting."

"Dunno as you've ever noticed it, Stannie, but if you'll only let a hog alone long enough he'll shove himself under the bob-wire fence far enough to get caught," he said. "Charley Bullerton, now; he's plum' forgot that 'Tropia's less'n five miles away and that sound carries mighty long distances in these mountains in clear weather."

"What difference does that make?" I asked.

"It may make a heap o' difference. Looks to me like somebody—Buddy Fuller, 'r Jim Haggerty, the section boss, 'r some o' 'em down yonder 'd begin a wonderin', after a spell, what 'n traction all this here blackin' and rifle-poppin' up on old Cinnabar is a p'intin' at and come and see."

"Do you think the racket will carry that far?"

"I sure will. One night afore 'Tropia had gone as dead as she is now, a bunch o' cowpunch's got into an argy-bat about Blue-nose Bill's place and we heard the crackin' and poppin' up here—Jennie and me—like it was just over yonder in Greaser gulch."

"Well?" said I, "if your nephew or any of the others hear it, what then?"

As I asked the question one of the low-aimed shots tore through the side of the building, struck the iron frame of the hoist, flattened itself and dropped into the old man's lap. Picking up the hot bit of lead to dandle it in his hand he went on much as if picking up bullets that were fired at him had been his daily recreation.

"Curiosity killed the cat, Stannie, son. You let some one o' the folks down yonder in 'Tropia say, 'By gol—I wonder what all that shootin's for?' and the next thing you know, somebody'll be moggin' up here to find out."

Along about dusk some member of the besieging party tried to make a reconnaissance. I happened to be keeping the lookout on the cabin side of our fortress and saw a man dodging among the pine barks of the house. When I reported to Daddy he took a snap shot at the place I pointed out to him and there was a wild yell and a stir in the young plines though a hog were galloping through them.

"Just to let 'em know that we're still alive—and kickin'," said the old man, with another of his quavery chuckles. "I reckon maybe that's what they was aimin' to find out."

Possibly it was. At all events, the rifle fire stopped with the coming of darkness, and as we faced our second night of defense we had plenty of time to sit around and think and speculate upon what the outcome was going to be.

Taking it all in all, it was the fantastic humor of the thing that hit me hardest. Six short weeks earlier people at home had been calling me all the hard names that fall to the lot of the idle ne'er-do-well; a young chap with enough inheritance money to keep him in ties and shoes and shirts and to buy gas for his car—though that last asked for a good bit on the rising cost of gasoline—and not enough to make life, or anything connected therewith, very much worth while.

Also these same people were saying—behind my back, of course, but there were always plenty of them to repeat the saying to my face—that I was good stock gone to seed, would never amount to a hill of beans in anything; that asked for initiative or resourcefulness, or primitive rough stuff of any sort; that I was due to go on doling myself up and playing skittles to the end of the chapter—which would probably stage itself in an asylum for the feeble-minded. Also, again, at that same time, which was six weeks—o six thousand years—ago, I was engaged to Lisette; with mighty little prospect of marrying her, to be sure, but with no thought of marrying anybody else.

And how . . . I looked around at the shadowy walls of the grim old Cinnabar shaft-house, looking darkly and still dawning, tick, tack, from their early-afternoon and bath; felt my soggy clothes; stared across at Daddy Hiram sitting backed up against the hoist with his legs jackknifed and his hands locked over his knees; it was a grotesque pipe-dream; there was no other name for it. I broke out in a



I Stared Across at Daddy Hiram.

man dryly. "I allow you ain't goin' to be close-fisted enough to keep a good joke all to yourself in no such a hood-down as this."

"I'll try," I said, and did it the best I knew how, giving him some idea of the life I had lived and its earth-wide, abysmal difference from the experience of the past, six weeks.

Silence for a time and then:

"Book-learnin' and good clothes and eatin' with a flat fork 'r all right, Stannie, but they don't make the man 'n'r the woman; there's got to be somethin' inside; somethin' a heap bigger than any o' them things."

"Quite so," I admitted.

Another silence and at the end of it the philosopher again:

"You been sort o' sore about my Jennie, since yesterday . . . She's been eatin' your gran-paw's bread, like me, and you thought, and I thought, that she might at least 've waited a little spell afore she run off with Charley Bullerton. Maybe we've been jumpin' at things too sudden, Stannie. What made her ride 'way up yonder to Greaser sidin' to catch that train?"

And how come Charley Bullerton to marry her one day and be up here with his bunch o' gummens by daybreak the nex' mornin'?"

"Has Jennie friends in Angolia with whom she could be stayin'?" I asked.

"Not a single soul. He'd a-had to leave her at the Chink's hotel; and that ain't no place for a woman, married 'r otherwise."

"But supposing they didn't go to Angolia?"

"There ain't no other place they could go and let him get back, as you might say, in the same day."

"Say it all, Daddy," I prompted.

"There ain't much to say, Stannie, boy, exceptin' what I said afore, that maybe we'd been jumpin' at things sort o' blind-like. Jennie's got a heap o' sense—'t I do say it as shouldn't—and the whole gee-ruppin' thing, as we been puttin' it up, ain't no more like her than winter's like dog-days."

Having run the subject into a corner we were both speechless for a little time and I think it was almost with a sense of relief that we sprang alert when the dog, hitherto sleeping quietly at our feet, jumped up and ran to hold its nose at the threshold of the door opening upon the dump head.

## CHAPTER XVI

### Burnt Matches.

Following the dog to the door, we could neither see nor hear anything going on outside, though Barney's snifflings under the door and his low growl warned us that something was afoot, either on the dump head or in the partly wrecked cabin beyond. While we were still peeping and peering, each at his auger-hole and each ready to take an offhand shot at anything that seemed suspicious, the silence of the mountain night was ripped and torn by the most hideous clamor imaginable, arising, apparently, in the cabin or perhaps from the groving of trees just behind it. The racket was deafening; comparable to nothing that I'd ever heard; a magnified orchestration, so to speak, of the pandemonium made by a crowd of country boys serenading a newly married pair with tin pans and such-like noise-making implements.

"What in the name o' Josph!" stuttered Daddy Hiram. "Reckon them gosh-damned platers 've gotte plum' loosey?"

"Wait," I qualified, and I had to shout to make myself heard. "There'll be more to follow. This is only the curtain-raiser."

But my guess appeared to be no good. For quite some little time we crouched, guns at the ready, prepared to repel the assault which we naturally supposed would be made under cover of the distracting racket. But there was no assault, though the meaningless clamor kept up without abatement.

By the time we were beginning to grow a trifle hardened to it the clamor stopped as abruptly as it had begun and the silence which succeeded was even more deafening than the noise had been. While I fancied I could see dim figures stealing down the road that led to the bench below, I heard Daddy say: "Now, what in the name o' Jeholachim!"

He had turned away from his peep-hole and I could sense, rather than see, that he was rubbing his eyes. Then I realized that upon me, also, a sudden blindness had fallen; the interior of the shaft-house had become as dark as the inside of a pocket. The effect was so stupefying that it took both of us a minute or so to understand that some change as yet undefinable had been wrought either in us or in

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Highway Iron Products Co.—1 30 ft. bridge 12 ft.  
Gallion Iron Works Mfg. Co.—Culverts Index road  
Gallion Iron Works Mfg. Co.—Culverts county road

## SPECIAL TERM, MARCH 1ST, 1919.

Lykins, J. F.—one day fiscal court  
Day, Ed.—one day fiscal court  
Day, W. W.—one day fiscal court  
Lykins, L. C.—one day fiscal court  
V. J. F.—expense to good roads meeting  
R. L.—expense to good roads meeting  
V. L. Tom—expense to good roads meeting  
E. W.—expense to good roads meeting  
H. L.—waiting on Lee Gross  
Day, Ed.—expense to good roads meeting  
Cul Refining Company—two empty drums

## REGULAR APRIL TERM, 1919.

Archibald, W. D.—Judge November election 1918  
Arnett, P. H.—Judge November election 1918  
Amey, A. N.—Judge November election 1918  
Adkins, Sarah H.—vital statistics  
Arnett, Floyd—expenses to Tax Commission  
Arnett & Prater—defending damage case  
Brooks, S. E.—Judge November election 1918  
Baskirk, A. J.—clerk November election 1918  
Beaton, J. F.—sheriff November election 1918  
Brown, W. N.—Judge November election 1918  
Bradley, A. C.—Judge November election 1918  
Ryd, G. C.—15 days sup. tax books  
Blankenship, B. F.—vital statistics  
Benton, Mrs. Stella—vital statistics  
Burton, C. C.—vital statistics  
Barnett, August—vital statistics  
Bowling, Rosa F.—vital statistics  
Brown, Rhenhenna—vital statistics  
Brown, Sam O.—work on road  
Bailey, N. W.—two days work with team  
Barker, T. N.—lumber  
Bolin, R. B.—blasting on road  
Burton, C. C.—lunacy inquest  
Blair, W. G. & Co.—account  
Bolin, R. B.—viewing road one day  
Bailey, J. W.—viewing road one day  
Caskery, W. A.—sheriff November election 1918  
Cottle, H. G.—clerk November election 1918  
Cox, Tonic—clerk November election 1918  
Cecil, Rollie—Judge November election 1918  
Caskery, Oliver—Judge November election 1918  
Coffee, I. F.—Judge November election 1918  
Cox, G. C.—vital statistics  
Carter, B. F.—vital statistics  
Carter, L. D.—vital statistics  
Center, G. M.—vital statistics  
Center, Taylor—vital statistics  
Conley, Byron R.—vital statistics  
Conley, Anne J.—vital statistics  
Conley, Sarah J.—vital statistics  
Cox, Poppy Jane—vital statistics  
Conley, Charlie—work on bridge one day  
Cox, A. J.—ammunition  
Cochran, E. D.—work on room back of jail  
Conch, A. J.—team on road  
Cantrell, B. L.—goods, Mahan Smith  
Cantrell, R. L.—burial Angie Blevins  
Caldron, W. L.—goods Williams & Ferguson  
Carr, T. F.—right of way  
Caskery, Stanley—team on road  
Conley, Chas.—work on road  
Combs, H. C.—fee bill  
Cochran, E. D.—coffin, Brown  
Cole, Henry—right of way for road  
Coffee, Phoebe—right of way for road  
Cottle, Kelly—work on bridge  
Cottle, John Harlan—work on bridge  
Commercial Bank—In lieu of A. L. Greenburg Iron Co. claim  
Commercial Bank—interest on \$5,000.00 claim to May 1, 1919  
Carr, T. F.—viewing road one day  
Caskery, W. A.—viewing road two days  
Caskery, Yancey—viewing road one day  
Cecil, S. W.—B. of W.  
Dennis, H. C.—Judge November election 1918  
Davis, J. W.—Judge November election 1918  
Dennis, J. M.—Judge November election 1918  
Davidson, Bill—Judge November election 1918  
Dawson, D. H.—supervisor  
Davis, B. F.—vital statistics  
Davis, Sammie—for locust trees  
Dennis, Robert—team work on road  
Dyer, H. T.—bedstead for poor house  
Day, Ed.—making flue irons etc.  
Day, E. W.—three days fiscal court  
Day, Ed.—three days fiscal court  
Dunn, Mariha—vital statistics  
Dunn, L. W.—error in tax assessment  
Day, Ben—viewing road one day  
Day, Boone—viewing road one day  
Dawson, D. H.—expense to Frankfort  
Elam, W. W.—clerk November election 1918  
Elam, W. F.—Judge November election 1918  
Easterling, W. T.—Judge November election 1918  
Elam, John M.—sheriff November election 1918  
Elam, Manford—1-2 supervisors claim  
Elam, T. J.—vital statistics  
Estep, W. W.—vital statistics  
Elam, Jane—vital statistics  
Elam, Lillie—vital statistics  
Elam, Maggie—vital statistics  
Elam, Nancy K.—vital statistics  
Elam, Jas. M.—repairing clock  
Elam, Willie, Jr.—450 bricks for poor house  
Fanning, G. I.—Judge November election 1918  
Fyfe, A. J.—sheriff November election 1918  
Franklin, Zenas—clerk November election 1918  
Fugitt, John L.—1-2 supervisors claim  
Ferguson, Tilda—vital statistics  
Fanning, W. W.—blasting on road and shop work  
Fanning, B. B.—work on road  
Ferguson, Mary E.—vital statistics  
Friley, U. S.—Judge November election 1918  
Ferguson, Lee—powder and fuse  
Ferguson, J. H.—goods, Amos Lyons  
Geydon, J. F.—clerk November election 1919  
Griffith, W. J.—Judge November election 1919  
Geydon, E. C.—vital statistics  
Geydon, W. L.—vital statistics  
Goff, Jernie—vital statistics  
Goff, Margaret—vital statistics  
Geydon, E. C.—medical aid A. H. Burgess  
Gambrell, W. M.—hauling ammunition  
Gardner, W. M.—salaries 1st half 1919  
Geydon, B. F.—B. of W.  
Howard, B. C.—clerk November election 1919  
Holbrook, M. F.—clerk November election 1919  
Hutchinson, C. M.—sheriff November election 1919  
Hale, C. R.—Judge November election 1919  
Hutchinson, F. M.—1/2 supervisors claim  
Holbrook, M. F.—vital statistics  
Hutchinson, F. M.—vital statistics  
Hamilton, Roney—vital statistics  
Henry, W. P.—vital statistics  
Hasty Mary A.—vital statistics  
Hilton, Alice—vital statistics  
Hill, Mary E.—vital statistics  
Hobbs, Mrs. Crid—vital statistics  
Hobbs, Nancy—vital statistics  
Holbrook, Frankie—vital statistics  
Holbrook, Tory—vital statistics

Haney, Lefe—work on road  
Henry, W. P.—lumber  
Henry, C. P.—fee bill  
Henry, C. P.—expenses to Frankfort tax commission  
Howard, A. C.—wood  
Havens, Charles—B. of W.  
Hill, Lands—waiting on smallpox  
Highway Iron Prod. Co.—culverts  
Highway Iron Prod. Co.—culverts  
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Highway Iron Products Co.—railing for bridge  
Hamilton, C. M.—Judge November election 1918  
Howard, H. H.—coffin, Dave Banks  
Henry, Perry C.—keeping Allie Cox  
Holbrook, M. F.—viewing road one day  
Henry, M. K.—viewing road one day  
Havins, J. C.—goods, Chess Ross  
Hall, W. W.—vital statistics  
Johnson, Bill—work on road  
Jones, Custer—In lieu of A. L. Greenburg Iron Co. claim  
Jones, Custer—interest on \$5,000.00 claim to May 1st, 1919  
Johnson, J. H.—conveying Coon Rose  
Kooton, Tabitha—vital statistics  
Kendall, W. M.—phone rent and batteries  
Kentucky Block C. C. Co.—dynamite etc.  
Kentucky Block C. C. Co.—dynamite etc.  
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Kentucky Children Home Society—allowance  
Lacy, D. G.—Judge November election 1918  
Lacy, F. A.—Judge November election 1918  
Lewins, J. H.—Judge November election 1918  
Lewins, W. P.—sheriff November election 1918  
Lacy, Green—Judge November election 1918  
Lacy, W. F.—Judge November election 1918  
Lacy, Ollie—vital statistics  
Linton, A. J.—vital statistics  
Lyon, A. M.—vital statistics  
Lambert, Elizabeth—vital statistics  
Lewis, Julia—vital statistics  
Lewis, S. C.—vital statistics  
Lacy, Curt—bridge sills  
Lykins, J. D.—fee bill Morgan county vs. S. W. Cecil  
Lenox Saw Mill Company—lumber  
Lykins, E. J.—lumber  
Lukous, Charlie—work on road  
Lykins, J. F.—three days fiscal court  
Lacy, Curt—coal etc.  
Lykins, S. J. & R. A.—nails etc.  
Licking Valley Courier—second 1-4 printing bill  
Licking Valley Courier—printing bill to October 1919  
Linton, S. M.—viewing road one day  
Murphy, D. M.—sheriff November election 1918  
McClain, Harlan—clerk November election 1918  
Montgomery, John—sheriff November election 1918  
May, C. C.—clerk November election 1918  
Moore, Sarah—vital statistics  
Mathis, Evert—attorney fee in Cecil case  
Morgan Telephone Co.—phone rent to May 1, 1919  
McKenzie, Bill—overcharge on 1918 tax  
Manker, W. H.—account  
Mann, W. L.—team on road  
May, F. C.—unloading two bridges  
Morris, J. P.—right of way for road  
McGuire, Chester—work on road  
Mullins, C. A.—voting house  
McKenzie, John A.—poor house claim  
McCracken, Jack—team on road  
McKenzie, John M.—team on road  
May, F. C.—unloading Magoffin bridge  
Metley, R. L.—two days fiscal court  
McGuire, Asa—work on road team  
Nickell, R. K.—Judge November election 1918  
Nickell, Miles—Judge November election 1918  
Nickell, Ren F.—1-2 supervisor claim  
Nickell, Ren F.—fee bill  
Nickell, Ren F.—1-2 arranging exemptions  
Nickell, A. C.—vital statistics  
Nickell, H. V.—vital statistics  
Nickell, Milburn—vital statistics  
Nickell, H. V.—expenses, Herbert Haney  
Nickell, H. V.—duplicate assessment  
Nickell, H. V. & C. C. Burton—medical aid, Mahan Smith  
Nickell, A. M.—work on road with team  
Nickell, W. C.—blasting on road  
Nickell, Asa McGarvey—work on road  
Nickell, H. V.—examiner, lunacy inquest  
Nickell, A. M.—three days reviewing road  
Nickell, Ren F.—making ax books 1919  
Oakley, R. M.—clerk November election 1918  
Oakley, J. F.—vital statistics  
Oney, E. W.—building road  
Oney, E. W.—interest  
Oney, E. W.—work on road  
Oney, J. P.—work bill Shack Steele and J. W. Gross  
Oakley, R. M.—account  
Oakley, W. G.—hauling to poor house  
Oney, Jas. P.—account  
Ogborn, Rachel—vital statistics  
Phillips, G. W.—Judge November election 1918  
Prater, Chas.—sheriff November election 1918  
Pieratt, Luther—clerk November election 1918  
Pendleton, Polk—clerk November election 1918  
Patrick, Nancy A.—vital statistics  
Patten, Riley—right of way for road  
Petry, J. T.—hauling on road  
Pendleton, Polk—three days fiscal court  
Phillips, G. W.—1-2 supervisors claim  
Petry, J. W.—account  
Patrick, R. H.—viewing road two days  
Rose, F. M.—Judge November election 1918  
Riser, Shelby—sheriff November election 1918  
Roberson, J. W.—Judge November election 1918  
Rice, C. B.—vital statistics  
Robbins, L. F.—vital statistics  
Risser, Taylor—travel over field  
Stacy, Willie—sheriff November election 1918  
Stricklin, J. H.—clerk November election 1918  
Stamper, B. S.—Judge November election 1918  
Steele, G. W.—1-2 supervisors claim  
Stamper, Dock—vital statistics  
Smith, J. F.—vital statistics  
Sparks, Preter—vital statistics  
Sparks, R. D.—vital statistics  
Spradlin, S. G.—vital statistics  
Skings, Mary M.—vital statistics  
Sebastian, J. H.—hauling with team  
Sebastian, J. H.—hauling rope etc.  
Sparks, W. C.—repairing bridge  
Stacy, G. W.—fee bill  
Smith, J. F.—medical aid in small pox  
Stamper, J. C.—account  
Stacy, G. W.—services to July 1, 1919  
Trusty, Coma—clerk November election 1918  
Taulbee, Press—vital statistics  
Turner, Sam—fixing door and locks  
Trimble, E. C.—voting house  
Tyler, Wm.—hauling on road  
Templeton, L. C.—one day fiscal court  
The Bradley Gilbert Co.—deed book  
Vest, Henry—sheriff November election 1918  
Vest, C. D.—sheriff November election 1918  
Vest, W. H.—lumber  
Vance, Dave—viewing road two days  
Wells, D. B.—Judge November election 1918  
Wheeler, A. W.—sheriff November election 1918  
Whitt, R. B.—sheriff November election 1918  
Williams, Willie—Judge November election 1918  
Walsh, Frank—Judge November election 1918  
Williams, W. W.—Judge November election 1918  
Wheeler, Jas. F.—sheriff November election 1918  
Williams, W. W.—1-2 supervisor claim  
Walsh, Frank—1-2 supervisor claim

Wells, H. A.—vital statistics  
Wheeler, J. C.—vital statistics  
Whiteaker, J. D.—vital statistics  
Walter, F. M.—vital statistics  
Williams, Siring—vital statistics  
Wells, E. A.—work on jail  
Whitt, E. E.—Clerk Brown vs. County  
Wells, J. R.—work on poor house  
West, B. B.—coal  
Williams, G. C.—work on road  
Wilson, J. H.—hauling bridge  
Williams, Ed C.—culverts  
Wright, Isaac—bridge work  
Wells, C. S.—coffin, Smith wofan  
Watson, Butler—right of way  
Wingo, A. L.—right of way  
Williams, R. C.—work on road  
Wells, D. B.—work at poor house  
Wells, J. D.—work at poor house  
Williams, J. B.—right of way damage  
Williams, L. A.—hauling rock on road  
Wells, John F.—one day hauling on road  
Wells, C. S.—papering etc.  
Williams, C. C.—viewing road one day  
Wells, Leonard—clerk August primary 1918  
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Blevins, A. F.—payroll Index road 7-1 to 7-15  
Blevins, A. F.—payroll bridge work July  
Blevins, A. F.—payroll Index road 7-16-31  
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Blevins, A. F.—payroll Index road 9-1-15  
Blevins, A. F.—payroll Index road 9-16-30  
Blevins, A. F.—payroll Index road 10-1-16  
Blevins, A. F.—payroll Index road 11-1-15  
Blevins, A. F.—payroll Index road 12-1-15  
OFFICERS MONTHLY SALARIES 1919  
Whitt, B. E.—salary to May 1, 1919  
Sebastian, J. H.—salary second month to June 1, 1919  
Blevins, A. F.—salary road engineer June 1, 1919  
Blevins, A. F.—salary stock inspector  
Whitt, B. E.—salary to June 1  
Rose, H. C.—salary to July 1st 1919  
Blevins, A. F.—salary to July 1st eng neer  
Blevins, A. F.—salary to July 1st live stock inspector  
Whitt, B. E.—salary to July 1st  
Blevins, A. E.—salary Eng. August 1st  
Blevins, A. F.—salary live stock inspector  
Whitt, B. E.—salary to August 1  
Rose, H. C.—salary to August 1  
Sebastian, J. H.—salary to September 1st  
Rose, H. C.—salary to September 1st  
Powles, H. C.—salary, farm agent to Sept. 1st  
Whitt, B. E.—salary to Sept. 1st  
Blevins, A. F.—salary to Sept. 1st Eng.  
Blevins, A. F.—salary live stock inspector  
Gardner, W. M.—salary to January 1, 1920  
Sebastian, J. H.—salary to October 1st  
Blevins, A. F.—salary to Oct. Road engineer  
Blevins, A. F.—salary live stock inspector  
Whitt, B. E.—salary to October 1st  
Stacy, G. W.—1-4 salary  
Rose, H. C.—salary to November 1, for Sept. Ac.  
Blevins, A. F.—salary road engineer  
Blevins, A. F.—salary live stock inspector  
Sebastian, J. H.—salary to November 1st  
SPECIAL JULY TERM  
Day, Ed.—expenses to Jeffersonville  
Day, Ed.—bringing auto truck from Jeffersonville  
Day, E. W.—expense auto truck, Lykins to Winchester  
Henry, C. P.—expense conveying Lykins to Winchester  
(Continued next week.)

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## FARMERS SHOULD RAISE MORE GOOD UTILITY HORSES

Federal Authorities State That Horses Are More Economical on Farms Than Motorized Tractors or Trucks—An Infusion of Thoroughbred Blood Gives Spirit, Vigor and Endurance To All Breeds

There is now a recognized "horse zone" where short hauls and frequent stops are necessary in both city and country into which the truck and tractor cannot enter and compete with the horse without loss to the merchant and the farmer. After a costly experiment the horse is coming into his own, displacing the motorized truck and tractor, particularly on the farm, where it has been conclusively demonstrated that there is economy in breeding a suitable type of horse for a varied agricultural service.

At a recent meeting in Chicago of the Horse Association of America, H. C. Taylor, Chief of the Federal Bureau of Farm Markets, presented some interesting figures, the result of official investigations, proving that horses are more economical in every field of operation on farms than the motorized tractor or truck.

Computed on 1921 feed prices, the cost of power per acre, according to the U. S. Department findings, is \$1.37 for plowing with horses as compared with \$1.72 with tractors; disking, \$1.46 with horses and \$1.56 with tractors; disking in combination, \$1.26 with horses as against \$1.56 with tractors; harrowing 1 1/2 with horses as against \$1.56 with tractors; drawing hay loader, \$1.26 with horses and \$1.56 with tractors; and drawing grain binder, \$1.16 with horses, \$1.56 with tractors.

The value of mechanical motive power is clearly recognized by the Horse Association of America, but after a thorough nationwide inquiry, it has been shown that the enforced displacement of the horse in farm work has been expensive to the farmer and has increased the cost of living to every family in America.

The various State Agricultural Colleges, particularly in the central west, are stressing the point that horses should be bred for the definite qualities which stand the test of long hard service, an infusion of thoroughbred blood giving spirit, vigor and endurance to the colder breeds.

George Lane, head of a \$1,000,000 live-stock ranch in Canada, in a recent letter to Wayne Dinmore, Secretary of the Horse Association of America, said:

"I have crossed Thoroughbred sires on broncho mares; on high grade Clydesdale mares; on mares bred by Percheron stallions out of broncho dams; on mares that were 3/4 or 1/2 Percheron; and whenever I had a pure bred Percheron mare that would not settle to a Percheron sire, I bred her to a thoroughbred sire, and usually got such mares in foal, the result being a crossbred thoroughbred Percheron. We have bred the female produce resulting from these various crosses to both thoroughbred and Percheron sires, so that we have horses carrying various degrees of thoroughbred blood—from 1/4 to 3/4 bred from mares of various types and blood strains. From long experience in the use of such horses, and our actual breeding operations, I know that the thoroughbred cross on any draft mare increases quality, endurance, and length of life."

The manufacture of mechanical motive power already has caused an enormous drain upon our available labor resources, so that every time a farmer, to business man, buys a mechanical power unit, which he does not absolutely need, he is simply bidding up the labor market against himself. Nor can the market for coarse grains be left out of consideration. The displacement of horses occurring in the years 1910 to 1920, destroyed an annual market for over 113 million bushels of oats, 70 million bushels of corn and 4 1/2 million tons of hay—more than the average total export per year on these items. The curtailment of city demand cuts off not only the outlet for surplus farm horses, but this great market for stable farm products.

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SOUTH BOUND				NORTH BOUND			
19	17	16	18	14	12	10	8
Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily
Ex Sun.	Ex Sun.	Ex Sun.	Ex Sun.	Ex Sun.	Ex Sun.	Ex Sun.	Ex Sun.
P. M.	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.
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Note that North-bound train No. 14 is Sunday only; Nos. 16 and 18 Daily Except Sunday; No. 20 Daily. South-bound No. 17 is Daily except Sunday and No. 19 Daily.

JOHN WHITE & CO. LOUISVILLE, KY. Established in 1927. Liberal assortment and Full Value paid for Raw Furs.

Notter to Legioners. There will be a meeting of Crescent Post No. 68 of West Liberty, American Legion, on Saturday, Feb. 4, 1922, for the purpose of electing officers. All members of the Legion Post are requested to be present. HARRY MCCLAIN, Commander.

## OFFICE CAT



### OLD BLUE LAWS.

In superstitious days, 'tis said. Hens laid two eggs on Monday because a hen would lose her head That laid an egg on Sunday. Now our wise rulers and the law Say none shall wash on Sunday, So, (city) folk must dirty go And wash them twice on Monday.

A subscriber writes, "What is home without a cat?" This bird must be married.

Bob Rankin says even if a man is bad at figures he may enjoy looking at a good one.

Chap Swango says signing a receipt for two tons of coal that have come in a one ton truck also adds quite a bit of the feeling of brotherly love in this country.

When it comes to curing heart troubles a preacher usually has more success than a doctor.

Custer Jones concludes, that declaring peace is next door to declaring dividends.

Out in Wisconsin there is a movement on foot to change the name of Rum River to Volstead River. Better have well enough alone. Should they change the name to Volstead the river might go dry.

### Say it With Onions

I love to sing of fragrant things Like onions, and cabbage and cheese; Of beans and rice and garlic and spice.

That flavor of the evening breeze—The one little, adios breeze. Put ere my song is welkin-rings.

My tears stream like April showers. I love you, Pearl," a youth told a girl. But said it with cauliflower; es, goody and fat cauliflowers.

The onion was the first wireless telegraph.

The Goat-Getter says, "business is on the bum—the Go-Getter says, "business is on the bum."

An anonymous contributor sends us the name of a friend of his whom he characterizes as a human squash. We couldn't decipher the name and therefore came to the conclusion that the riddle must have been a pumpkin.

June Bride—I would like to buy an easy chair for my husband. Salesman—"Morris?" "No; Clarence."

John Turner says that a trait two can live as cheaply as one was probably started by a tape worm.

### I'D LIKE TO BE

I'd like to be a dictator of All women's styles, my dears. Oomph! Oomph! p. Oomph! Oomph! In seven million years!

We read a lengthy article the other day, headed "How to Kill Rum." A description of the old fashioned and popular way of killing it would only take two words, "drink it."

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Not every woman who is a "devotee to the racket" plays tennis. No love game for those dancin'.

Harry Donaghy says if the styles keep on growing more extreme we will not be able to call the girls "skirts" any more.

Another One Back to Normalcy With the return of the corset the shimmy has been entirely eradicated from the dances.—Fashion note. Which means, we guess, that the poor old shimmy will have to go back to being just a common old unmentionable garment again.

It is easier to recover from an illness than from a bankrupt friend. Be careful whom you trust.

The sweet young thing who used to cote "Curfew Shall Not Ring Tonight" with so much feeling, now spends her evenings at the road house.

The nations agree to scrap battle ships and Will Hayes says the "post office ought to be taken out of politics. The millennium may be around the corner.

Dr. Lafe Carter says three things in his world are always unexpected—trifles.

WHO WOULDN'T I'd give my wife lands and gold. If she would not, alas! alas! Each night her small feet, icy cold plant in the middle of my back.

These new angled mares for men make a fellow's noodle look a good bit like a cabbage after the lower leaves have been trimmed off. Some heads look so much like the cabbages that it's easy enough for the barber to be mistaken.

When a modern girl says she hasn't anything fit to wear to church, she doesn't mean what the old fashioned girl did.

Rivers had come home and was tuppeling over things in the dark hallway.

"What are you growling about dear?" asked Mrs. Rivers from the floor above. "I'm growling," he answered in his deepest bass voice, "to down-the bark, lig of my shins."

WHITE OAK F. C. Lacy, of Salyersville, visited his brother, A. D. Lacy, here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elam spent Saturday night and Sunday with their son, Nels Elam.

W. C. Lacy, of West Liberty, was here on business Saturday.

Caudia McClure is visiting her uncle, M. T. Little, at Caney, this week.

Tom Hood, of Raveha, was visiting friends and relatives here this week.

Paris Brown, of Harper, visited his sister, Mrs. Uriah Griffiths, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Tom McGraw, who has been sick for some time, is reported no better.

Mrs. Grant McGuire and son, Edgar, visited relatives at Malone this week.

Finlay Elam made a business trip to Salyersville Monday.

Walter Vance, Snowden Brown and Herman Stevens, who have been attending school at West Liberty, came home Sunday for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Boone Havens were the guests of Mrs. Ollie Lacy Monday.

DIXIE (From another correspondent.) There was church at this Sunday and a large crowd attended.

Miss Cassie Burton returned from a visit to relatives on Grassy.

W. B. & F. C. May made a business trip to Cannel City Monday.

W. H. Pratt has been visiting relatives in Magoffin and Floyd counties.

J. C. Howerton, of Beatyville, is visiting relatives at this place.

Miss Cora Prater and Mrs. H. C. McGuire were shopping at this place Friday.

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Respectfully,  
J. H. SEBASTIAN

## The Cash Store News.

H. L. HENRY, Editor-in-Chief. MOTTO—SERVICE. Subscription Free. VOL. 1. INDEX, KY., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1922. No. 18.

ARE YOU READY? WE ARE

SYRACUSE PLOWS. 236 Syracuse hillside steel beam plow. Extra share, \$18.50. 473 12 in. Steel beam Valley plow. Extra share, \$18.00. 62L Syracuse wood beam valley plow. Extra share, \$12.50.

GROCERIES. Granulated sugar, per pound, \$0.071-2. Soft sugar, per pound, \$0.074. 100 pound bag sugar, 7.00. Quaker Oats, 2 for, \$2.50. P. & G. Napha Soap, 2 for, \$1.15. Lina, white wash soap, \$0.05.

FEED, SEEDS, & HAY. Corn chop, per 100 lbs., \$2.00. Peerless Cow feed, 100 lbs., \$2.75. Feed Oats, per bushel, \$1.75. Seed Oats, per bushel, \$1.85. Hay, per bale, \$1.00.

## THE CASH STORE H. L. HENRY INDEX, KY

## Sheriff's Sale for Taxes

By virtue of the taxes due the State of Kentucky and the county of Morgan for the years below named, I will, on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1922, at the front door of the Court House in West Liberty, Ky., offer at public outcry, for cash, the following real estate to satisfy said taxes:

Name of Owner	Nearest Real Estate	Year	No. acres	Valuation	Total Taxes	Penalty & Int.	Comm. and cost	Total
Elk Fork Coal Co.—mineral right		1921	5,000	\$30,000	\$300.40	\$46.80	\$25.00	\$472.20
Rair, L.—Sarah Weddington		1921	2	500	0.60	1.00	0.04	10.64
Keith, Glenn		1921	6	300	0.40	0.70	0.04	10.04
Bussy By Products Co.—Redwine		1921	1	3000	39.00	4.68	1.84	45.52
Nickell, H. V. & Frank Bros.—Red Bush		1921	50	2000	26.00	3.12	4.30	33.18
Amys, J. B. & C. D. Arnett—Minefork		1921	300	3000	39.00	4.68	1.84	45.52
Holliday, Jilson		1921	50	500	6.50	0.78	0.04	10.72
Olio Cities Gas Co.—lease		1921	500	500	6.50	0.78	0.04	10.72
Olio Fuel Oil Co.—Oil Wells		1921	1500	105.00	23.40	12.00	0.00	35.40
Schultz, D. D. heirs		1921	400	5.00	4.85	0.58	0.04	5.47
Bradley, J. T.—George Blanton		1921	30	350	4.35	0.53	0.04	4.92
Colvin, J. H.		1921	2	50	0.60	1.00	0.04	2.64
Conley, Walter, &—P. L. Bradley		1921	75	1100	14.30	1.71	0.33	16.34
Hood, Thomas—Ed Ross		1921	125	1825	23.73	2.84	0.00	26.57
Hewitt, F. M. et al.—Charter Coal Co.		1919/1920	4000	44.00	0.28	0.71	0.04	0.42
Hewitt, F. M. et al.—Charter Coal Co.		1920/1921	4000	52.00	0.24	0.60	0.04	0.88
Hewitt, F. M. et al.—Charter Coal Co.		1921/1922	4000	52.00	0.24	0.60	0.04	0.88

\* Poll tax of \$2.00 included